

COMMENDING THE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS WHO PROVIDED HEROIC SERVICE DURING WINTER STORM JONAS

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2016*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the selfless assistance provided by many of the volunteer fire department and public assistance agencies from southern and central Pennsylvania during the recent Winter Storm Jonas.

While many of us sought shelter during the recent winter storm that struck the East Coast, some of us were not so fortunate, as was made evident by the miles and miles of cars that were stranded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Many of these travelers had gotten trapped on the turnpike as a number of crashes stopped traffic while a huge amount of snow fell. Fortunately for the beleaguered travelers, a number of local volunteer fire departments from the surrounding communities braved the weather to assist those in need.

For the drivers stranded overnight, these volunteer emergency responders were the only ones who could reach the area to help. As snow continued to fall, these volunteers worked together to ensure the well-being of those stranded by traveling car to car and offering supplies to many. To aid the cause, many local stores and restaurants contributed food and water to be distributed. It was truly a community effort.

On behalf of the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and all of those who were assisted by the area's volunteers, I would like to thank these public servants for their selflessness. It is my honor to highlight this tremendous effort and its illustration of the neighborly commitment my constituents embody.

To the volunteer organizations and governmental agencies listed below, we thank you for your generous dedication to serving the public:

New Baltimore Vol. Fire Co.  
Shawnee Valley Vol. Fire Co.  
Shawnee Valley EMS  
Bedford Fire Co.  
Everett Fire Co.  
Breezewood Fire Co.  
Southern Cove Fire Co.  
Alum Bank Fire Co.  
Chestnut Ridge EMS  
Blue Knob Fire Co.  
Claysburg Fire Co.  
Martinsburg Fire Co.  
Imler Fire Co.  
Bedford American Legion  
Pa. National Guard  
SCMRTF Incident Management Team  
DCNR  
PEMA  
Pa. State Police  
Pa. Turnpike  
Somerset Co. EMA & 9-1-1  
Bedford County EMA & 9-1-1  
American Red Cross  
Salvation Army.

RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOTILLA 77 OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DIVISION 7

### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2016*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the chartering of Flotilla 77 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 7. Flotilla 77 was officially recognized in a chartering ceremony on January 23, 2016, in Polk County, Florida.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the volunteer corps that assists the U.S. Coast Guard in promoting boating safety. Formed originally as the Coast Guard volunteer Reserve on June 23, 1939, the volunteer Reserve was renamed the Auxiliary two years later. During World War II, the Auxiliary rapidly expanded as Auxiliarists provided oversight assistance in many of the Coast Guard surface and air operations, which freed up active duty Coast Guardsmen for wartime missions. Today the Auxiliarists support and augment the non-military and non-law enforcement operations including communication watchstanding, public education programs, marine safety, and assisting with search and rescue missions.

The selflessness by which they voluntarily serve and put their lives on the line for our safety and security is inspiring. We honor these brave men and women whose dedication to our great nation have and continue to ensure the safety and security of our ports, waterways and coastal regions.

It is my distinct pleasure, as a representative of the people of Central Florida, to recognize and honor the establishment of Flotilla 77 of the United States Coast Guard. I thank them and their loved ones for their dedication and service to our community and country.

CONGRATULATING DAVID JOHNSON AND JAMES FERENTZ ON REMARKABLE NFL SEASONS

### HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2016*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two of my constituents, Arizona Cardinals running back David Johnson and Denver Broncos center James Ferentz, on a remarkable 2015–2016 NFL season. David and James each helped lead their teams to the AFC and NFC conference championship games, and James now has the distinct honor of being called a Super Bowl champion.

Having grown up in Clinton and Iowa City, David and James both know the meaning of hard work. This hard work ethic propelled them from the gridirons of the University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa to the top of their profession.

Currently in their rookie and sophomore NFL seasons, each has achieved so much in just a few short years. Their successes can be attributed to the family, friends, teachers, and coaches that continue to challenge the future David Johnsons and James Ferentzes of Iowa.

I am honored to represent these men in Congress and look forward to seeing them achieve much more in their careers. The state of Iowa looks forward to watching these young men play on Sundays for years to come.

Congratulations on a great season, David and congratulations on becoming Iowa's Super Bowl champion, James.

HONORING THE LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAURICE WHITE

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 9, 2016*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Memphis singer, drummer, songwriter, producer and founder of the world-renowned band Earth, Wind & Fire, Maurice White. Maurice White was born in Memphis, Tennessee on December 19, 1941, and attended Booker T. Washington High School where he was in the drum corps. After graduating, he and his family moved to Chicago, Illinois and Maurice White enrolled at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. Having developed a love for drums while singing in his church choir in Memphis and watching marching bands, Maurice found work as a drummer in nightclubs and in 1963, he became a session drummer for Chess Records.

While at Chess Records, Maurice recorded with music legends Etta James, Fontella Bass, Muddy Waters, The Impressions, Betty Everett and many more. In 1966, he joined the Ramsey Lewis Trio during a time when the group was one of only a few jazz groups to rise to the upper levels of the pop charts. Maurice White left the group to form the Salty Peppers in 1969 alongside his two friends, Wade Flemons and Don Whitehead. After little success, he moved to Los Angeles, California, recruited new band members including his brother Verdine White and, drawing inspiration from the astrological chart, changed the group's name to Earth, Wind & Fire.

Earth, Wind & Fire signed with Warner Bros. in 1971 but did not gain renowned fame until Maurice, again, brought on new band members, with the exception of Verdine, and signed the band with Columbia. It was then that Earth, Wind & Fire infused its sound with jazz, funk, soul and pop, and recorded the album *Head to the Sky* in 1973, which sold over 500,000 copies and included hit songs *Evil* and *Keep Your Head to the Sky*. In 1974, Earth, Wind & Fire released the album *Open Our Eyes* and reached the pop Top 40 for the first time with the song *Mighty Mighty*. Their next album released just a year later, *That's the Way of the World*, included the group's first and only No. 1 pop hit, *Shining Star*. Earth, Wind & Fire also recorded hit songs *Reasons* (1975), *That's the Way of the World* (1975), *Fantasy* (1977), *September* (1978), *Boogie Wonderland* (1979), and *Let's Groove* (1981), including many more hits and popular songs. Maurice White helped produce seven double platinum albums, two platinum albums, two gold albums and two gold singles.

In addition to writing or co-writing many of the songs for Earth, Wind & Fire, Maurice White produced music for the Emotions, Ramsey Lewis and Deniece Williams, and in